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addresses will be solved by merely passing the law. Now, I want to make a comment about the process this morning. We have had, so far, five bills. This is the sixth one. It is 11:36. Six bills, noncontroversial but of substance. If you all hadn't slapped me in the face in the beginning these bills would not have taken this long. What I said when we were debating that rule that I had not said at any point during this session, speaking at that time, that I had any intentions or expressed any to try to wipe out the consent calendar. On the other hand, I had not said I wouldn't. But I respond to people according to the way they respond to me. If nobody treated me in a way that I felt was unfair, and that doesn't mean just voting against bills, that happens, it wouldn't be necessary for me to adopt a posture where I would try to stop altogether a process that can facilitate the movement of bills. But since I was slapped and the slap, having been given, cannot be taken back, I have to deliver on the promise that I made. Even if I violated my promise and said everybody might think I'm a good fellow if I just don't do what I said I was going to do, I have myself to deal with. How many times do we hear people say when you look in the mirror what do you think about the person that you see? Well, Senator Redfield, until three or four days ago, when I looked in the mirror what...what did I think about the fellow that I saw? He needed to trim his beard. And I straight way and forthwith did, so you probably cannot tell it. But those are the kind of things that I see. Senator Landis is not only bringing a good bill but he did something in bringing it...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that I would like to see more of, and when I have time, if I ever do, I'm going to find those things that ought to be eliminated from the statutes because they serve no purpose. In the same way though that this language is still operative, even though it can be called obsolete because it hasn't been used, it still is operative and people can take advantage of it, those kind of things ought to be brought up too, not just the things that are dead letters because a Supreme Court decision has said that that law is unconstitutional or, without dealing with that particular statute, it has adopted a position which would make it impossible to use that law anymore.